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For: Controlling Software Components in a  
Multi-Node Processing System

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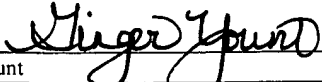
REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION DATED JUNE 9, 2004

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of June 9, 2004, Applicant submits the following remarks regarding the above-identified application.

The current listing of claims begins on page 2 of this paper. The claims have not been amended by this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.

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